

## County Correspondence.

The DeSoto County News wants the news of every section of the County, and urgently requests someone in each locality to send us a news letter every week. No matter how few items can be

gathered some weeks by you, send them anyway. If your section is left out, it will be because you have no one interested sufficiently to represent it.

### SILVER LAKE

Parties visiting away for the holidays were as follows: Charles Towns, in Bushnell; Tom Bingham, in Arcadia; Mrs. D. R. Towns, in Madisonville, Texas; Mrs. H. L. Waters, in Pine Level; Mr. and Mrs. Alderman and Mr. and Mrs. Driggers, on the east coast.

Christmas buyers in Kuhlman from Silvery Lakes section were: Rev. Mr. Keisling, W. Kelsey, E. Shumard, Messrs. Simmons, Charles Towns, Holmway and McAuley.

Sebring visitors from here were: Charles Towns, Miss Roqueler, Mrs. P. W. Van Meter, Mr. and Mrs. Alderman.

Miss Lowney Simmons is expected home from school shortly.

Mrs. P. W. Van Meter, who has been quite ill for some time, is reported improving.

Dr. T. C. Keisling spent Christmas at his home, Shawandasse Lodge. George Westervelt was on the sick list a few days, but is improving.

Mrs. Holloway was a visitor of Mrs. J. Moore on Lake Huntley.

Mrs. Van Meter received tidings from Mrs. D. R. Towns, who has been visiting relatives in Madisonville, Texas. She writes she is well and hopes to be with us again soon, also that she is wishing us all a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Mrs. H. Waters and Mrs. Alderman spent the night with Mrs. Van Meter, on Grassy Lake.

The Silvery Lakes Club met Christmas day at Bear Point, on Beautiful Lake Childs. A fine Christmas dinner was served by the ladies, of which the main entables came from the woods of the surrounding country. There was deer, turkey, squirrels, ducks, quail, trout and palm cabbage, besides all the goodies to complete the Christmas dinner. The amusements for the day were games and boating, and each little one who fell asleep that evening saw in his or her dream old Santa Claus coming sailing along the crystal waters of beautiful Lake Childs, with a boat full of toys. For that is the way the old gentleman comes to our section.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Henderson are occupying Mr. Driggers' cottage.

Master Henry McNeal, of Kuhlman, spent the week prior to Christmas hunting in this section. He felt elated at sending home to his mother a large whooping crane for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. P. W. Van Meter and Miss Eliza Roqueler spent the night with Mrs. J. Moore.

Dr. Rowell is home for the holidays.

Last week campers from Wanchula and Zolfo were Messrs. Crews and Bethea, who had a party of six, which camped at Bear Point.

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### LILY

Miss Susie Ivey, of Arcadia, spent Sunday here, the guest of her friend, Miss Edith Raulerson.

W. N. Duncan and R. D. Gause were doing business in Arcadia Monday.

J. E. Raulerson spent Sunday in Manatee county.

Mrs. L. S. Waldron, of Arcadia, spent several days of last week here with relatives.

Rev. Sloan held services at the church Sunday night.

J. E. Raulerson has material on the ground preparatory to building a new store building on the east side of the creek.

Mrs. Harris had the misfortune Monday to have her horse run away with her, getting her buggy pretty well demolished.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Lane are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter in their home.

There will be quite a lot of truck planted here this spring.

### THE W. C. T. U. BEFORE CITY COUNCIL.

A month ago a petition was sent the council from the W. C. T. U. asking that the law allowing the sale of cigars, tobacco, etc., on the Sabbath day be repealed, and not to allow the sale of such articles on the Lord's day. The petition was tabled until the next meeting. At the last meeting of the W. C. T. U. it was thought best to send a committee to appear before the council, this committee consisting of Mesdames Vesey, Granberry and Boon, accompanied by Rev. J. W. Vesey, met with the council, and after an earnest appeal from the president of the W. C. T. U. for the maintenance of the Christian Sabbath, the spirit of three of the council decidedly opposed our petition. In addition to this petition, another was read, containing the names of many of our best citizens, asking to repeal the same. The motion was made to table it till the next meeting. Mrs. Vesey then arose with all the earnestness of a Christian and entreated them to grant us our petition now. She felt that God would lend them to see their duty, and asked them to stand in prayer with her. They responded to this, and the earnest touching prayer went to our Father. The petition is to lay over until the next meeting.

The spirit that prompted the W. C. T. U. also that of the congregation of the Baptist church, was to stop now the foreseen danger of cold drinks, picture shows, base ball and other Sabbath breaking if this was allowed to go on.

We earnestly hope that the three of the council who opposed this will next month join the other two and repeal this part of the ordinance that allows the sale of these articles.

JENNIE A. BEAN,  
President of W. C. T. U.

### BAD FIRE AT PLANT CITY.

#### Former Saloon Building and Three-Story Tenement Were Destroyed.

Plant City, Jan. 6.—Fire destroyed the building recently occupied by the Big Six saloon and a large three-story tenement house adjoining, at an early hour yesterday. Shortly after midnight the roof of the saloon building was discovered in a blaze, and an alarm immediately turned in. By the time the fire apparatus arrived on the scene the entire building was ablaze, and the adjoining house had taken fire and was burning rapidly. The fire evidently originated in the lower floor of the building, but was not discovered until it had burned through the two stories to the roof. This building was too far gone to attempt to save it, and the efforts of the firemen were directed to the large three-story house adjoining. Bucket brigades drenched the houses close to the fire and prevented it spreading further.

At one time it was thought that the tanks and buildings of the Standard Oil Company were in danger, and the horses were removed from the stables.

Both buildings were completely destroyed, practically nothing being saved from either of them, the flames spreading so rapidly that an entrance could not be gained to the larger structure within a few seconds after it caught fire.

The buildings were the property of Alto Watkins, and were covered by insurance. No insurance was carried on the fixtures and other personal property destroyed to the amount of \$2,000. It is believed here that the fire was of incendiary origin.

### CIVIC LEAGUE HOLDS IMPORTANT MEETING.

A very interesting meeting of the Civic League was held Monday afternoon. The usual routine of business was transacted, and some future plans were formed.

A resolution was sent to the county commissioners in reference to moving the convict camp from the front of the court house.

Two resolutions were sent to the city council, one in reference to enforcing the cow ordinance, and another asking the council to have cleaned up the vacant lot back of the Smith and Morgan block. The league, realizing that this lot is terribly unsightly, and being on the way from one railroad station to another, is viewed by the newcomers to Arcadia, and leaves a decidedly bad impression on the minds of prospective settlers.

The league decided to have a rummage sale on the 16th to add to the treasury of the league. They will appreciate donations from any and everybody who are willing to give any article they can't use to help a good cause. They want clothing of all kinds, old shoes, old stockings, old dresses, old waist and hats—in fact, any old thing. The different committees were appointed, and a place will be selected at once and plans perfected.

The league wants the women of the county to know of their pleasantly situated rest room in the Arcade. Everything convenient and sanitary.

### MARKET OPENED WEAK, BUT FIRMED.

New York, Jan. 6.—So far as it showed any tendency, the early stock market was inclined to follow the lead of London, where American securities were off from substantial fractions to one and one-half points, Canadian Pacific being weakest. The copper group also reflected moderate local pressure, and among specialties Rumely preferred declined 5 points and Mexican railways preferred eight points. Union Pacific, which opened at a slight gain, soon fell back, and New York Central, one of yesterday's strongest features, also reacted. Dealings were of a light and professional character, with general recoveries at the end of the first half hour.

After a brief pause the market resumed its advance. A few low priced specialties, including American Can and Cotton Oil, were freely bought.

### GOVERNOR BLEASE STILL PARDONING.

Spartanburg, S. C., Jan. 6.—A pardon for Anna Dunning, sentenced to life imprisonment in 1911 for the murder of her husband, has been received from Governor Blease. The records show she has been dead two years.

### FATAL FAMILY ROW IN STATE OF OHIO.

Akron, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Charles Ryslop, a trahuman shot and killed his wife, fatally shot Joseph Schrader, a boarder, and then suicided early today.

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### TUG GOES ASHORE, AND MANY FATALITIES.

Brunswick, Ga., Jan. 6.—Six are believed to have been drowned when the tug Rambler went ashore Monday near Cumberland light house, St. Andrews Sound.

The dead are: Fireman Robertson, Cook Dan Smith, washed ashore; missing, Capt. Harry Ingram, Engineer C. Dart, Fireman Bell and Segut Rumbler.

### IOWA PAROLE AGENT HERE.

K. G. Lancelot, Iowa parole agent, returned to Des Moines, Ia., Saturday with Lyde Sturdevant, who was a paroled prisoner from that state.

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## AVON PARK

DEPARTMENT

S. F. TUCKER, Editor

All communications for this department should be handed to Mr. Tucker. Send subscriptions, advertisements and job work to the editor of this department.

A merry company enjoyed the entertainment at Gray's hall Thursday evening. A lunch was served by the ladies.

Special communication of Poinciana Lodge, F. & A. M., Monday evening work in first and third degrees.

District Deputy Grand Master W. Scott and Grand Marshal J. G. Harbaugh installed the officers of Poinciana Lodge, F. & A. M., Friday evening. Over one hundred were present. The ladies of the Eastern Star served a fine supper on this occasion.

Guests at the Village Inn: N. Craps, Taunton, Mass.; O. T. Price, Lake land; M. B. Crews, Plant City; H. Este, Jacksonville; J. G. Harbaugh, W. Scott, Fort Meade; Mrs. E. V. Brake, Toledo, Ohio; J. J. Ludley, Louisville, Ky.; D. C. Warner, Orlando.

Bishop Cameron Mann conducted the services of the Episcopal church Sunday morning.

Rev. Buck conducted the services of the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening. Revival meeting will be held in this church every evening this week. Rev. White will have charge of the services next Sunday.

Rev. Stock conducted the services at the Congregational church. Two persons united with the church at the morning service.

The Ladies' Aid met at the church Thursday afternoon, January 7th, at 2:30 p. m. Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting.

The Ladies' Aid received \$12 at the food sale last week.

The town council met January 4th, and the following bills were ordered paid: J. Lancashire \$2; Light Company, \$61.50; H. B. Crosby \$45; Albert Raulerson \$4; Byron Burbage \$1.50; Lee Crews \$1.50; J. Thomas \$5.50; L. M. Brazier \$14.40; R. Cutter \$2; S. F. Tucker \$1.90; J. R. Bennett \$2; J. H. Armstrong \$2.

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